

## Chorley Parish Church of St Laurence



### Logistical Arrangements: Autumn 2025 – Spring 2026

*The Health & Safety Team will be issuing risk assessments for all services and activities taking place at each stage during this period*

*Side door – for the purpose of this document, “side door” means the door into the refectory area of church.*

#### From 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Open Table** resumes in the church building

**Saturday 5pm Eucharist** resumes

**Monday 6.15pm & Thursday 12.15pm Eucharists** resume

**Warm Welcome, Art Gallery, Gift Shop and Taste** to resume when the new web-based rota system is fully operational (prior to this the new rota system will be piloted with the ‘main services rota’ and then utilized for ‘The Big Rota’) and once all necessary volunteer documentation is in place. We hope to open at the latest w/c Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September (hopefully earlier if everything goes according to plan with ‘The Big Rota’).

**Heritage Week.** We will not be participating in the event this year.

**Harvest** services and events as planned.

#### From 20<sup>th</sup> September

The main church entrance will be unavailable and entry into and out of church will be via the side door. The car park will be completely closed from 20<sup>th</sup> September; there will be no drop-off provision at all.

The memorial benches will be respectfully covered and there will be no access to the Garden of Remembrance.

All services (weekend and weekday), bookings, activities and events to continue as planned.

**Warm Welcome, Art Gallery, Gift Shop and Taste in Church** : entrance via the side door.

## **From 20<sup>th</sup> October the main church will be closed until early March**

**Weekend Services** (all current rotas continuing in place)

- **Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9am All Age Eucharists** will take place in **Buckshaw Primary School**, Astley Village (opposite the Astley Pub - car parking will be available). Saturday Club to run as usual every fortnight.
- **Sunday 11am Sung Eucharist** will take place in **St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church**

**Weekday Eucharists in the Lady Chapel (accessed through the side door)**

Monday 6.15pm; Tuesday 12.15pm; Thursday 6.15pm (**first Thursday only**); Friday (BCP) 12.15pm

### **Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals**

Neighbouring churches will be approached for permission to hold these there if requested (*in much the same way as St. Laurence's has previously hosted funerals for neighbouring parishes during building works*).

### **Open Table**

Refectory, Upper Room, takeaway – as appropriate

### **Shop**

Continue to operate in current location Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

### **Taste Café – moved to the Refectory**

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (not Wednesdays)

**Wellness Hub courses, occasional and regular room bookings will take place in**

- Refectory
- Upper Room
- Standish Room
- Lady Chapel (if required, service times permitting)

### **Art Exhibitions and Light Classics concerts**

These will not take place October - March

### **Annual Memorial Service for the bereaved**

The service scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> November will now take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm

## **First Communions and Confirmation**

First Holy Communions course moved to Lent 2026; First Communions incorporated into Easter Day 11am Eucharist with Bishop Joe

Confirmation – moved to 2026 (planned Confirmation service for 2<sup>nd</sup> November not now taking place), new date tbc

## **Bell ringing**

This will be in abeyance at St. Laurence's from 20<sup>th</sup> September until the end of the renovation works when external scaffolding is removed

## **Alpha & Bible Book Club**

As planned

## **Christmas Concerts and School Carol Services**

Unfortunately cannot take place in St. Laurence's church this year

## **Christmas Day Community Meal**

St. George's Church Hall

## **Christmas Services**

*A separate notice with Christmas services arrangements will follow*

**Lastly, and most importantly, whatever may be happening to the bricks and mortar of St. Laurence's, God is going nowhere, Jesus will still be worshipped and the Holy Spirit and the prayers of the saints will continue to inspire us in our daily Christian living.**

